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### MIKHEIL GLUSHAKOV ON QUESTIONS OF THE HISTORY OF GEORGIA

The book "Essays from the History of Georgia and its Annexation to Russia" by Mikheil Glushakov, an author from Kutaisi, was published in 1900 in Tbilisi. It consistently relates the political history of the Georgian people from ancient times to 1804 (conclusion of the Elaznaur Treaty). The book has a fairly rich source study basis. Along with Georgian sources and works of Georgian historians ("*Kartlis Tskhovreba*", Vakhushti Bagrationi, Platon Ioseliani, I.Chqonia, D.Bakradze), the researcher used "Acts", works of Belokurov, Dubrovin, and others.

The section of M.Glushakov's book, dealing with the dramatic episode of Georgian-Russian relations (the turn of the 18th-19th cc.), reflects fully the dominant view in the then Russian historiography, according to which the Georgian principalities voluntarily joined Russia. The study methods of these questions, scientific purpose and conclusions obtained demonstrate that M.Glushakov's book is a typical specimen of Russian imperial historiography.